

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

QUINN A.M.E. CHURCH (African Methodist Episcopal)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

106 E. Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES: RESTRICTED  
 YES: UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER

COMMENTS: Victorian

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This is a tall, rectangular, 2-1/2 story detached brick building, five wide bays in depth and three bays wide with a newer protruding front tower-entrance section and a newer, one bay deep, two bay wide rear extension. In the newer front facade left bay is a protruding square tower with buttressed corners decorated with white cast stone buttress caps. On the left side and front of this tower are leaded, stained glass Gothic windows and Gothic shaped louvers on the third story level. The top of the tower is adorned by the corner buttresses rising above the roofline in the form of turrets with pyramid shaped cast stone caps. In the base of this tower is a Gothic arched section of double doors with panels topped by three leaded, stained glass segments and the whole hooded by being slightly recessed. To the right of this, the front of the church is topped by a large pediment with the right corner buttresses protruding and adorned as on the tower. In the center of this section on the second story level is a large Gothic arched, stained glass window (leaded) of the "Good Shephard" and on either side are shorter, narrow Gothic arched leaded, stained glass windows. Directly below these are similarly sectioned leaded, stained glass windows but flat arched of soldier course brick. In the sidewalls are four rectangular, flat arched leaded stained glass windows with wood lintels and sills on the second story church nave level and regular 1/1 sash frosted windows with wood lintels and sills on the first floor. The right sidewall is quite thick at the first floor level but corbelled in at the second story, except for brick piers rising to the roof. The metal roof is of moderate slope "A" frame construction resting on three string brick cornices on each side. The building rests on a low foundation and in the front is a grass plot and planting of yew.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

Cornerstone "Rebuilt 1878", "Remodeled 1923"

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This church building and its congregation has always been on the conservative side and a welcomed neighbor on this block of Third Street.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

*DOUGLAS M. GREENE  
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN*

ORGANIZATION

*HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701*

DATE

*MARCH 1975*

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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This congregation dates to the late 1700s and was originally called Bethel. In 1819, a brick building at the present site was acquired. In 1835, the church was renamed for William Paul Quinn, one of the founders of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, and a well-respected Bishop. In July 1864, the church served as a hospital for the wounded from the Battle of Monocacy. The minister at the time was Rev. Benjamin Tucker Tanner. One of his children, Henry, was only six at the time, but he later recalled the incidents of the war. He said, "From our attic window the rebel camp and soldiers could be seen. Once my father for some cause was at the [church] and by his clothes was recognized as a minister. 'Hello!' [said a soldier to his father] "...what are you doing with those duds on, take this," and he was kicked out of the [church]. I believe my father said he was drunk." Henry also remembered that, when troops were moving through the area, his father would take the precaution of nailing boards over their windows to make the house look abandoned. Although rebel soldiers passed by their house all day long, only one stopped to bang on the door, and he was told by an officer to move on.<sup>1</sup>

Quinn Chapel held a Freedmen's Bureau school in the years after the Civil War. The Freedmen's Bureau funded repairs in May 1867 and rented the building from the church for \$200 per month, excepting Friday nights and Sundays.<sup>2</sup> The trustees of "Bethel School," or "Frederick School no. 2," included Joseph Lyle, John L. Gurber, W.C. Barnes, William Purdy, and Charles Jaker; its teachers included L. R. Cochran in 1868-1869 and George W. Nicholson in 1869-1870. It was in session at least from 1867 to May 1870, and taught an average of between 17 and 45 students per month. Throughout its tenure, the teachers reported to the

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<sup>1</sup>Marcia M. Matthews, *Henry Ossawa Tanner: American Artist* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995), 11-12.

<sup>2</sup>Samuel I. Wright, Captain and A. O. W., C. Q. M. & Disbursing Officer, to Rev. M. Tanner, 2 May 1867; Screen no. 0906, Roll 6, M1906; *Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871*; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC; Contract between Trustees of A. M. E. Church, Frederick City, Md., and Bu. R. F. and A. L., 4 May 1867; Screen no. 0699, Roll 6, M1906; *Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871*; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.

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Freedmen's Bureau that public opinion toward the school was "quite favorable."<sup>3</sup> Rev. Tanner served as its president in 1867 and 1868; he would be named Bishop twenty year later, on the basis of his work as a clergyman, scholar, and social activist.

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<sup>3</sup> Extant Teachers' Monthly School Reports; Rolls 13-23, M1056; *Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1871*; National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC.



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